IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

| | WESTERN DIVISION NO. 5:07-CR-240-BO NO. 5:11-CV-598-BO | | FILED IN OPEN COURT ON 9/12/2015 |
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| ORLANDO MARCUS CRUDUP, Petitioner, |) | | Julie A. Richards, Clerk US District Count Eastern District of NIC |
| V. |))) | ORDER | |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Respondent. |) | | |

This matter is before the Court on petitioner's motion to vacate, set aside, or correct sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 [DE 37]. Petitioner, Mr. Crudup, asserts that he is not guilty of having been a felon in possession of a firearm in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g) in light of the Fourth Circuit's holding in *United States v. Simmons*, 649 F.3d 237 (4th Cir. 2011) (en banc).

The government has withdrawn its response in opposition to Mr. Crudup's motion, and now states that it waives its reliance on the statute-of-limitations defense and asks that the Court vacate Mr. Crudup's conviction [DE 48].

In light of the foregoing and the hearing held in this matter on September 12, 2012, the Court accepts the government's withdrawal and GRANTS Mr. Crudup's § 2255 motion. The judgment, conviction, and sentence entered in this matter on June 18, 2008, are hereby VACATED.

SO ORDERED, this day of September, 2012.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE